

SAN JOAQUIN DESTINATION GUIDE

Here's something to help you find a destination related to a particular field of study. The Destination Guide also includes the related letter designation(s) next to each city and the locations.

AGRICULTURE (AG)

- Allensworth
- Fillmore
- Lodi
- Martinez
- Merced
- Sacramento

ART (A)

- Antioch
- Fresno
- Los Angeles
- Oakland
- Oxnard
- Richmond
- Sacramento
- San Francisco
- Ventura

CULTURAL STUDIES (C)

- Allensworth
- Bakersfield
- Carpinteria
- Fillmore
- Fresno
- Hanford
- Lodi
- Los Angeles
- Richmond
- Sacramento
- Ventura

ENTERTAINMENT (E)

- Bakersfield
- Fillmore
- Hanford
- Los Angeles
- Marine World (Martinez)
- Sacramento
- Pier 39 (San Francisco)

GOVERNMENT (G)

- Allensworth
- Sacramento

HISTORY (H)

- Allensworth
- Bakersfield
- Carpinteria
- Fillmore
- Fresno
- Hanford
- Lodi
- Los Angeles
- Martinez
- Merced
- Oakland
- Richmond
- Sacramento
- San Pedro
- Ventura

SCIENCE (S)

- Bakersfield
- Carpinteria
- Fillmore
- Fresno
- Los Angeles
- Merced
- Oakland
- Oxnard
- Richmond
- Sacramento
- San Pedro

TECHNOLOGY (T)

- Fresno
- Merced
- Sacramento

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Several venues offer special discounts and some are only open during a part of the program period. You are encouraged to call them for details before planning your trip.

Need transportation to and from the station once you reach your desired destination? Some school districts may be able to meet your need using their buses with certain limitations. Ask your transportation director or call the school district at your destination.

ADELANTO JUNCTION

The **Adelanto Junction** Amtrak Thruway bus stop is unstaffed, located at the Burger King at the junction of California Highway 18 and U.S. Highway 395. There are no ticket sales; the nearest station offering these services is in Bakersfield. Restaurant staff should not be expected to provide details of Amtrak train or Thruway bus schedules.

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For more information about attractions and special events in Adelanto, call the Chamber of Commerce at (760) 246-5711 or visit www.adelantochamber.com.

ALLENSWORTH (AG)(C)(G)(H)

Allensworth is an unstaffed conditional stop for the *San Joaquins*, meaning the trains will only stop to discharge and pick up groups with advance reservations. It does not have a shelter, telephone or other services, and is located about thirty miles north of Wasco. Trips cannot originate from the Allensworth stop.

Colonel Allensworth State Historic Park is a portion of the original town of Allensworth, founded in the early 1900s as a farming community for former black slaves. The preserved town site features 14 restored buildings, including a schoolhouse, a hotel, and several homes. A visitor center offers a short film about Allen Allensworth and the town he founded, and there are picnic facilities, restrooms and drinking water adjacent to the center. The town site is one of only three such sites in the United States, and the only one in the western United States. It will provide a rich cultural experience for everyone.

Rededication Day is held each year in October to renew the commitment to the park and its symbolic representation of self-determination for all African Americans in the areas of education and economic development. Activities include self-guided tours and special living history programs. Black History Month (February) is also observed with special programs.

Groups are encouraged to contact Colonel Allensworth State Historic Park at (661) 849-3433 to reserve a date for a visit and to arrange a guided tour.

ANTIOCH (A)

The **Antioch** Amtrak station is unstaffed, located at the end of I Street in downtown Antioch close to a large fishing wharf and restaurant.

Antioch is served by **Tri-Delta Transit**. Call them for schedules, fares and group travel information by bus at (925) 754-4040.

The **Antioch Lynn House Gallery (A)**, located across from the station at 809 First Street, operates on limited hours and days. It hosts new exhibits every couple of months and features a wide variety of artists, media and styles. Admission to the gallery is free. Special appointments for group tours are also available. Visit their website at www.acfantioch.org or call (925) 779-7018.

For more information about other attractions and special events, contact the **Antioch Chamber of Commerce** at (925) 757-1800.

BAKERSFIELD (C)(E)(H)(S)

The **Bakersfield** Amtrak station is the southern terminus for *San Joaquin* train service. This spacious and ultra-modern station was opened July, 2000, and is located at 601 Truxtun Avenue. The station is fully staffed and **Golden Empire Transit (GET)**, which serves the greater Bakersfield area, stops nearby. For schedules, fares and for group travel information on their system, call (661) 869-2438.

The **Rabobank Arena, Theater, and Convention Center (E)** is located a few blocks from the station. It is the largest and most versatile event facility in the Southern San Joaquin Valley. It features a variety of exhibits, concerts, sporting and theatrical events throughout the year. Admission fees vary with event. For upcoming event information call **(661) 852-7777** or visit their website at www.rabobankarena.com.

For more information about other attractions and special events in Bakersfield, call the **Convention and Visitors Bureau** at **(661) 325-5051** or visit their website at www.bakersfieldcvb.org.

BARSTOW

There are two **Barstow** Amtrak Thruway bus stops. Both are unstaffed, and there are no ticket sales. The nearest station offering these services is in Bakersfield.

One stop is located at the McDonald's at 1611 E. Main Street. Restaurant staff should not be expected to provide details of Amtrak train or Thruway bus schedules.

The other stop is at the Amtrak station, located at 685 N. First Street. This is also the site of the Harvey House Casa del Desierto.

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For more information about other attractions and special events in Barstow, call the **Chamber of Commerce** at **(760) 256-8617** or visit their website at www.barstowchamber.com.

BURBANK

The **Burbank** Amtrak station is located adjacent to historic Bob Hope Burbank Airport is an unstaffed station. There are no ticket sales; the nearest station offering these services is in Van Nuys.

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CARPINTERIA (C)(H)(S)

The **Carpinteria** Amtrak station is an unstaffed station located at 475 Linden Avenue. There are no ticket sales; the nearest station offering these services is in Santa Barbara.

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Carpinteria State Beach (S) is located less than ½ mile from the station at 5361 6th Street. It features the finest examples of inner tidal life and is one of a few easily accessible tidal pools in California. A fee may be charged for ranger-led tours. Advanced reservations for access to the area are required. Call **(805) 684-2811** for more information.

The **Carpinteria Valley Historical Museum (C)(H)** is located about 6 blocks from the station at 956 Maple Avenue. Exhibits reflect the three main cultures that settled the area: Chumash Indians, the Spanish and Mexican period, and the American pioneers. Reservations are required for groups. Call **(805) 684-3112** for more information.

The **Salt Marsh Nature Park (S)** is a wetlands park located about 3 blocks from the station. The entrance is at the intersection of Ash Avenue and 3rd Street. The park is home to more than 20 rare plants and animals, some of which are endangered. Docent-guided programs are available and reservations are required for tours. Call **(805) 684-5405 extension 449**.

For more information about other attractions and special events, call the Chamber of Commerce at **(805) 684-5479** or visit www.carpchamber.org/events.html for a calendar of events.

CORCORAN

The **Corcoran** Amtrak station is an unstaffed stop located at the junction of Otis and Whitley Avenues in Central Corcoran. There are no ticket sales -- the nearest station offering these services is in Hanford.

While the station is not staffed by Amtrak, **Corcoran Area Transit (CAT)** has an office there. CAT provides limited public transportation from the station to locations within the city. Advance arrangements are required for transportation of groups of 16 or more persons – Call them at **(559) 992-2177**.

For more information about attractions and special events in the city, contact the **Chamber of Commerce** at (559) 992-4514 or visit their website at www.cityofcorcoran.com.

DENAIR – See TURLOCK/DENAIR

EMERYVILLE

The **Emeryville** Amtrak station, at 5885 Landregan Street, is across the tracks from Emeryville's Public Market, and is served by **Emery-Go-Round (510) 451-3862** or www.emerygoround.com and **AC Transit (510) 817-1717** or www.actransit.org.

Emeryville is a staffed Amtrak station, and it is the transfer point for Amtrak motorcoaches to several San Francisco stops, including Pier 39, the Ferry Building, and the downtown theatre area. The Amtrak motorcoaches also provide direct service from Emeryville to other major San Francisco attractions, such as the zoo, De Young Museum, Golden Gate Park and Exploratorium for an additional fee. Also see the listing in this guide for **San Francisco** for more information about the attractions there.

Emeryville features a picturesque wharf walk and nearby park as a relaxing destination. The Public Market features ethnic foods and wares. Both are within walking distance of the station.

For more information about other attractions and special events in Emeryville, contact the **Chamber of Commerce** at (510) 652-5223 or visit their website at www.emeryvillechamber.com.

FILLMORE (AG)(C)(E)(H)(S)

The **Fillmore** Amtrak Thruway bus stop is unstaffed, located in front of the International House of Pancakes at 718 Ventura Street (junction of California Highways 23 and 126). There are no ticket sales; the nearest station offering these services is in Oxnard. Restaurant staff should not be expected to provide details of Amtrak train or Thruway bus schedules.

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The **Fillmore & Western Railway Company** features an antique full-sized train that takes students, teachers and parents on an educational, historical trip back in time. During the trip, the train travels west through the 1901 trestle bridge over the seasonal Sespe River, back through a working railyard on its journey to the state run **Fillmore** Fish Hatchery. The State of California Fish and Wildlife Department operates the venue where literally millions of trout are grown and raised each year. Rangers demonstrate the feeding routine and occasionally a vacuum truck is seen suctioning the trout from their long, narrow canals into a truck that then transports them to local lakes and streams. Bring plenty of quarters to purchase fish food, and watch as you see a real “feeding frenzy”. Bring a sack lunch to enjoy under the trees on the grass in Central Park, which is adjacent to the railroad tracks in downtown **Fillmore**. An educational, informational kiosk is also in Central Park that features a video presentation on the California Condor, which are at home in the Sespe Wilderness, just north of Fillmore. Advance reservations are required for the train trip – call (805) 524-2546 or visit www.fwry.com. **All aboard for fun and adventure!**

For more information about attractions and special events in Fillmore, please call the Chamber of Commerce at (805) 524-0351 or visit www.fillmorechamber.org for a calendar of events.

FRESNO (A)(C)(H)(S)(T)

The **Fresno** Amtrak station is fully staffed and is located at Q Street near Tulare Street. The city transit system is **Fresno Area Express (FAX)** and it stops across the street from the station. Call them for schedules, fares and group travel arrangements at (559) 498-1122.

Located about 3 blocks from the station at 2430 Fresno Street is the historic **Water Tower Visitor Center (H)**. It's a unique place to take a group for a field trip to learn about Fresno's history and see the inner workings of a 19th century city water tower. It is handicap accessible and admission is free. The adjacent courtyard is perfect for sack lunch dining. Reservations are required for narrated tours. For more information call (559) 237-0988.

The **Fresno Metropolitan Museum (A)(S)(T)** is located about a fifteen-minute walk from the station at 1555 Van Ness Avenue.

In addition to visiting science and art exhibits, the museum is the permanent location for the Saroyan Gallery and the Reeves Exploration Center. The Saroyan Gallery is a permanent exhibit that explores the life of Fresno's William Saroyan, one of America's most extraordinary writers and winner of the

Pulitzer Prize and an Academy Award. The Reeves Exploration Center features nearly 60 hands-on science stations with exhibitions on electricity, the human body, physics, color, light and sound – enough to spark the imagination of any young scientist. Advanced reservations are required and there is an admission fee. For group tours and more information, call **(559) 441-1444, extension 224** or visit their website at www.fresnomet.org.

Arte Americas (A) is located across the street from the Metropolitan Museum. It features a variety of creations by Hispanic artists. Advanced reservations are required for tours and there is an admission fee. Call **(559) 266-2623** for more information.

The **Potter's Studio (A)** is a working pottery factory and gallery located across from the station. The studio manufactures pottery of all sizes for worldwide markets. Guided tours feature a demonstration of pottery making, including a visit to a walk-in kiln. An admission fee is charged and advanced reservations are required. Call **(559) 266-5508**.

Across the street from the Potter's Studio is the **Meux Home Museum (C)(H)**, a Victorian home built in 1889 by Dr. T.R. Meux. It has been restored with furnishings and equipment that depict early Fresno family life. The museum is only open for group tours during weekdays with advanced reservations and there is an admission fee. Picnic facilities are available. Call **(559) 233-8007** for more information.

For information about other attractions and special events, please contact the Water Tower Visitor Center at **(559) 237-0988**.

GLENDALE

The **Glendale** Amtrak station, located at 400 W. Cerritos Avenue (at Railroad Avenue), is the Amtrak Thruway bus stop for the *San Joaquin*. The station is unstaffed – there are no ticket sales and the nearest station offering these services is in Los Angeles.

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For more information about attractions and special events in Glendale, call the Chamber of Commerce at **(818) 240-7870** or visit www.glendalechamber.org.

HANFORD (C)(E)(H)

The **Hanford** Amtrak station is located at 432 W. Seventh Street. A recent renovation to this 100-year old station resulted in a new waiting room, ticket offices for Amtrak and Orange Belt Stages bus line with connections to Greyhound, a small snack bar, and offices of the Hanford Chamber of Commerce and the Hanford Visitor Agency. The station is also the transfer point for all **Kings Area Regional Transit (KART)** buses. Call them for schedule and route information at **(559) 584-0101**.

Hanford features an historic district which includes The Historic Carousel, the Taoist Temple and Museum in China Alley, The Bastille, Old Court House, and Carnegie Museum. You can also visit Superior Dairy, Fort Roosevelt and Adventure Park. With advance reservations, groups can be met at the station by Freddy the 1950 Studebaker and Freda the 1937 Studebaker, two converted fire trucks that will transport groups to their destinations within the city.

Groups are encouraged to contact the Hanford Visitor Agency at (559) 582-5024 for complete information about attractions in Hanford and to reserve a date. The Visitor Agency provides “one-stop service” for arranging your visit to their city. Visit their web site at www.visithanford.com.

LANCASTER

The **Lancaster** Amtrak Thruway bus stop is located at the Metrolink station at 44812 Sierra Highway. There are no ticket sales; the nearest station offering these services is in Bakersfield. Metrolink staff should not be expected to provide details of Amtrak train or Thruway bus schedules.

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For more information about attractions and special events in Lancaster, call the Antelope Valley Chambers of Commerce at **(661) 948-4518** or visit www.avchambers.com.

LITTLE ROCK

The **Little Rock** Amtrak Thruway bus stop is unstaffed, located at MB Grocery at 7715 Pearblossom Highway. There are no ticket sales; the nearest station offering these services is in Bakersfield. The staff at the grocery should not be expected to provide details of Amtrak train or Thruway bus schedules.

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LA CRESCENTA

The **La Crescenta** Amtrak Thruway bus stop is located at the Park and Ride lot at I-210 and Lowell Avenue. The location is unstaffed and there are no ticket sales and the nearest station offering these services is in Los Angeles.

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For more information about attractions and special events in La Crescenta, please call the Chamber of Commerce at (818) 248-4957 or visit www.lacrescenta.org.

LODI (AG)(C)(H)

The **Lodi** Amtrak stop is located at the Lodi Transportation Center at 24 South Sacramento Street. It is a stop for 4 San Joaquin daily trains and Amtrak motorcoaches between the Sacramento and Stockton Amtrak stations connecting with 8 additional San Joaquin daily trains at Stockton. The Lodi station is served by **City of Lodi Transit**. Call them for schedule and route information at (209) 333-6806 or visit their website at www.cityofloidi.gov. Advance reservations are required for them to provide buses large enough to carry groups of 20 or more.

The **San Joaquin Historical Museum (AG)(C)(H)** is a local history and agricultural museum covering more than 15 acres with a collection of more than 15,000 items of historical interest. It focuses on the San Joaquin County history with an emphasis on agriculture. Major exhibits include a variety of farm implements manufactured or used in the county for farming, the viticulture and wine making industry, and for reclamation of the Delta. Other exhibits include a textile area depicting early spinning, weaving, quilting and basket weaving techniques; Native American collections with an emphasis on the local Miwok and Yokuts tribes; the Weber Family Collection (founders of Stockton and San Joaquin County); and the James Clark Tractor Collection. Also available for visits is a one-room schoolhouse, an authentic blacksmith shop, and the Walled Garden and Sunshine Trail, featuring native plants found throughout California. Reservations are required. The museum is not within walking distance of the Amtrak station. Call (209) 331-2055 for more information and details.

For information about other attractions and special events, contact the **Conference & Visitors Bureau** at (800) 798-1810 or visit their website at www.visitloidi.com.

LONG BEACH

There are two **Long Beach** Amtrak Thruway bus stops. Both are unstaffed, and there are no ticket sales. The nearest station offering these services is in Los Angeles.

One stop is located in front of the Denny's Restaurant at 601 N. Long Beach Boulevard (corner of N. Long Beach Boulevard and Sixth Street). Restaurant staff should not be expected to provide details of Amtrak train or Thruway bus schedules.

The other stop is adjacent to the Queen Mary Hotel, located at 1126 Queens Highway. Hotel staff should not be expected to provide details of Amtrak train or Thruway bus schedules.

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For more information about attractions and special events in Long Beach, please call the Chamber of Commerce at (562) 437-8823 or visit www.lbchamber.com for a calendar of events.

LOS ANGELES (A)(C)(E)(H)(S)

Los Angeles Union Station, at 800 N. Alameda Street, is a major railroad terminal for Amtrak, Metrolink and L.A. Metrorail's Red and Gold lines.

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Across the street from the station is **El Pueblo de Los Angeles (A)(C)(H)**. This two-block area is the oldest and most historic section of the city and has been designated a state historic park, reflecting the heritage of the many ethnic groups who contributed to the city's rich history. Here are some of the many attractions in the park area: The Avila Adobe, a family home built circa 1818, it reflects the Hispanic lifestyle of California in the 1840s; Olvera Street is an historic Mexican marketplace; Old Plaza Firehouse, the city's first firehouse, now displays firefighting memorabilia from the 19th century; and the Sepulveda House features a variety of exhibits of 19th century life, an art gallery, and the Visitors' Center, with a free 18-minute film about the early history of Los Angeles. Docent-guided tours are available and require advanced reservations. Visit the website at www.cityofla.org/elp or call **(213) 628-1274**.

From Union Station, many educational and entertaining venues can be reached by the **L.A. Metro Red Line and Gold Line**. Be sure to call your destination in advance for information about operating hours, admission fees and group reservations. Here are a few suggestions with directions to reach them:

Red Line

Los Angeles Public Library (A)(C)(H)(S) Exit the Pershing Square station (second stop) and walk two blocks on 5th Street to the library. The library features periodic special exhibits and showcases interesting archives. For more information regarding current exhibits, visit www.lapl.org or call the library at **(213) 228-7000**.

Kodak Theater (A)(C)(E)(H) The Hollywood/Highland station is your gateway to the home of the Academy Awards ceremony. The station is conveniently located below this world-famous complex. For more information about guided tours, visit the theatre's website at www.kodaktheater.com or you can call **(323) 308-6333**.

Mann's Chinese Theatre (A)(C)(E)(H) is located adjacent to the Kodak Theater. Complete your journey to Hollywood with a visit to the world's most famous movie theatre, site of many movie premiers since it opened in 1927. Don't miss the footprints, handprints and autographs of legendary Hollywood stars in the cement forecourts. For more information, call **(323) 464-8111**.

Universal City Walk (E) – enjoy a day browsing shops and dining at Universal City Walk located adjacent to the Universal Studios theme park. Exit the Universal City station and walk across the street to take a free shuttle transfer to the entrance of the theme park and the Walk. Shuttle buses will transfer guests up the hill to the entrance to the theme park and Universal City Walk. For more information, call **(818) 622-4455** or visit www.citywalkhollywood.com.

The **Los Angeles Music Center(A)(C)(E)(H)**, which includes **Walt Disney Auditorium, Dorothy Chandler Pavilion, Ahmanson Theatre** and the **Mark Taper Forum**, is located two blocks east of the Civic Center/Tom Bradley station. The Center, also called the Performing Arts Center of Los Angeles, lives up to its name by offering music and theatrical presentations throughout the year. The Center is the home of The Los Angeles Philharmonic Orchestra and the Los Angeles Opera. For a schedule of events, guided tours, tickets and other information, you can call **(213) 972-7211** or you can visit their website at www.musiccenter.org.

Gold Line

You may purchase your tickets from ticket machines prior to boarding the Red or Gold lines. Call **L.A. Metro** at **(213) 626-4455** or visit www.mta.net for fares and additional information.

There are many other locations accessible by **Metrolink**, and **DASH** – the downtown area shuttle bus system. Both services stop at Los Angeles Union Station. For schedules and other information, call **Metrolink** at **(213) 347-2800** or **DASH** at **(213) 808-2273**.

For more information about other attractions and special events in the city, contact the **Los Angeles Convention and Visitor Bureau** at **(213) 624-7300** or visit www.lacvb.com.

MADERA

Amtrak's **Madera** station is located a few miles outside of town. The station is unstaffed, and the nearest staffed station where tickets may be purchased is Fresno. The Madera station is served by **Madera Area Express (MAX)** upon request and, with advance reservations, they can provide buses large enough to accommodate groups of 20 or more. Call them at **(559) 661-7435** for more information.

For more information about attractions and special events in Madera, contact the **Chamber of Commerce** at (559) 673-3563 or visit their website at www.maderachamber.com.

MARTINEZ (AG)(E)(H)

The **Martinez** Amtrak station is one of the busiest stations in northern California, visited by 36 passenger trains each day. The modern station opened August 2001 and is the newest station on the San Joaquin route. It is a fully staffed Amtrak station and it is the transfer point for nonstop Amtrak motorcoach service to the main gate of **Six Flags Marine World**.

Take a step back in time to your “old hometown.” Martinez is a sleepy little well kept secret! Enjoy shopping at more than 20 gift and antique shops. Grab a bite to eat in one of the numerous restaurants and cafes with inside or outside dining. Enjoy a picnic at the beautiful waterfront park across from the station. Martinez is a relatively compact town and nearly all the antique stores, local attractions and restaurants are within a few blocks of the Amtrak station.

Martinez is the home of the **John Muir National Historical Site (AG)(H)**, an 8.8-acre park which includes the Muir residence. Tours and programs are available with advance reservations and there is an admission fee. It is not within walking distance of the station. For more information, call (925) 228-8860 or visit www.nps.gov/jomu.

Six Flags Marine World (E) offer group discount tickets at substantial savings. Please call the park at (707) 556-5216 for group ticket information and a schedule of operating dates and times or visit their website at www.sixflags.com/parks/marineworld/.

Martinez and surrounding areas are served by the **County Connection Transit Service**. The service stops regularly at the station and at the Muir site. Call them for schedules, fares and for group travel information on their system at (925) 676-7500 or visit www.cccta.org.

For more information about other attractions and special events in Martinez, contact the **Chamber of Commerce** at (925) 228-2345 or visit www.martinezchamber.com.

MERCED (A)(H)(S)(T)

The **Merced** Amtrak station, located at 324 W. 24th Street, is fully staffed. The Merced station, the City of Merced, and the surrounding areas are served by The Bus (Merced County Transit). They offer **extremely low-cost group transportation** to a variety of venues in and around the Merced area, some of which are listed below. Advanced reservations are required and there is a group size limit – call (209) 385-7600 for more information and to make group reservations. **Be certain to mention you are participating in the Kids N' Trains program.**

- The **Castle Air Museum (H)(S)**, featuring more than 46 historic military aircraft displayed outdoors on 18 acres of park-like setting, with an indoor museum, gift shop, restaurant and outdoor picnic area. Guided tours (1½ hours in length) are available. Reservations are required and there is an admission fee. Call (209) 723-2178 or visit www.elite.net/castle-air.
- The **Challenger Learning Center (S)(T)**, located adjacent to the air museum, offering **Challenger Space Missions**, a unique classroom experience in a simulated space mission with accompanying curriculum and teacher's guides. Reservations for all attractions are required and there are fees charged. Call (209) 726-0296 for more information and reservations or visit their website at www.challengersjv@mcoe.org;
- **The Castle Science and Technology Center (H)(S)(T)**, the newest addition to the Castle complex, with demonstrations and exhibits and a 2500 square foot exhibit from Lawrence Hall of Science at UC Berkeley. Featured exhibits and activities include: “1492: Two Worlds of Science,” comparing the science and technology of 1492 and today; “Planet Polluto,” an interactive exhibit demonstrating how smog affects us all; “100 Years of Flight,” with flight simulations, history of aviation and paper airplane flying contests. Also available are physics, hands-on scientific experiments, rocketry, and crime scene investigation programs. There is also the **Starlab Planetarium**, with a variety of programs that explore the stars and planets.

Reservations for all attractions are required and there are fees charged. Call (209) 726-0296 for more information and reservations or visit their website at www.challengersjv@mcoe.org.

You CAN visit **Yosemite National Park (H)(S)** in a day, using **VIA Adventures**, with daily departures from the Merced station. Educational films on the history of Yosemite are available through VIA. All of

the motorcoaches are VCR equipped. Drivers will provide narration along the route. VIA can also provide a stimulating multiple-choice quiz about the park for students upon request. Box lunches are available for a nominal fee. Advanced reservations are required and group rates are available. For more information and reservations, call **(800) 842-5463**. **Be certain to mention you are participating in the Kids N' Trains program.** For more information, visit the website at www.via-adventures.com

For more information about other attractions and special events in Merced, call the **Convention & Visitors Bureau** at **(800) 446-5353** or visit their website at www.yosemite-gateway.org.

MODESTO

The **Modesto** Amtrak station is fully staffed and is served by **Modesto Area Express (MAX)**. Call them for schedules, fares and group travel information on their system at **(209) 521-1274** or visit their website at www.modestoareaexpress.com.

For information about attractions and special events in the city, contact the **Convention and Visitors Bureau** at **(209) 571-6480** or visit their website at www.modestocvb.org.

MOJAVE

The **Mojave** Amtrak Thruway bus stop is unstaffed, located at the McDonald's at 16150 Sierra Highway. There are no ticket sales; the nearest station offering these services is in Bakersfield. Restaurant staff should not be expected to provide details of Amtrak train or Thruway bus schedules.

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For more information about attractions and special events in Mojave, visit www.mojave.ca.us.

OAKLAND (A)(H)(S)

The **Oakland** Amtrak station is located about two blocks south of Jack London Square at the foot of Broadway. The station is staffed and tickets may be purchased there. Oakland is served by an extensive public transportation system. **BART** provides subway-type service and **AC Transit** provides bus service. Call AC Transit at **(510) 839-2882** or BART at **(510) 465-2278** for schedules, fares and group travel information on their systems.

The **USS Potomac (H)**, often referred to as the "Floating White House," is a large vessel moored at Jack London Square, just a few blocks from the station. Dockside tours and short excursions are available for a fee. Advance group reservations are required. For more information, call **(510) 627-1215** or visit their website at www.usspotomac.org.

The **Oakland Museum of California (A)(H)(S)** is a regional museum featuring the ecology, history and art of California. There is a group admission fee and advance reservations are required. Call the museum for more information at **(510) 238-3514** or visit www.museumca.org. The best way to reach the museum is to leave the train at **Richmond** instead of Oakland and take the Fremont **BART** train to the **Lake Merritt** station. The museum is only 1½ blocks from the BART station.

The **Museum of Children's Art (MOCHA) (A)** is a unique art museum featuring interactive art exhibits. There is a group admission fee for the hands-on workshop, but admission to the gallery is free. Reservations are required. Call the museum for more information at **(510) 465-8770**, or see their website at www.mocha.org. The best way to reach the museum is to leave the train at **Richmond** instead of Oakland and take the Fremont or San Francisco **BART** train to the **12th Street/Civic Center** station. The museum is located at 538 9th Street, only a few blocks away from the BART station.

For more information about other attractions and special events in Oakland, call the **Visitor and Convention Bureau** at **(510) 839-9000** or visit their website at www.oaklandcvb.com.

OXNARD (A)(S)

The **Oxnard** Amtrak station is a staffed station located at 201 E. 4th Street.

Please note that Amtrak Thruway bus service cannot be used solely for transportation to another Thruway stop – your trip must include travel aboard an Amtrak train (40-passenger group minimum).

The **Carnegie Art Museum (A)**, about 3 blocks from the station at 424 South C Street, features national and regional fine art and photo exhibits plus interactive displays. There is an admission fee and advanced reservations are required for groups. The museum has tailored their programs to fit the time

allotted for Kids N' Trains groups. For more information call **(805) 385-8171** or you can visit their website at www.vcnet.com/carnart.

The **Gull Wings Children's Museum (S)** is across the street from the Carnegie Art Museum at 418 W. 4th Street. Inside the museum are 20 hands-on, educational, and fun exhibits and art centers for kids 1 to 12 years. There is an admission fee and advanced reservations are required for groups. Visit www.gullwings.org/school.html or call **(805) 483-3005** for more information.

The area is served by **South Coast Area Transit (SCAT)**, which may provide field trip transportation from the station. Call them at **(805) 643-3158** for more information.

For more information about other attractions and special events in the city, call the Convention and Visitors Bureau at **(805) 385-7545** or visit their website at www.oxnardtourism.com.

PALMDALE

The **Palmdale** Amtrak Thruway bus stop is located at the Palmdale Transportation Center at 39000 Clock Tower Plaza Drive. There are no ticket sales; the nearest station offering these services is in Bakersfield. Transportation Center staff should not be expected to provide details of Amtrak train or Thruway bus schedules.

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For more information about attractions and special events, please call the Chamber of Commerce at **(661) 273-3232** or visit www.palmdalechamber.org or www.cityofpalmdale.org.

PASADENA

The **Pasadena** Amtrak Thruway bus stop is located in front of the Hilton Hotel at 150 S. Los Robles (at Cordova). The location is unstaffed -- there are no ticket sales and the nearest station offering these services is in Los Angeles. Hotel staff should not be expected to provide details of Amtrak train or Thruway bus schedules.

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For more information about attractions and special events in Pasadena, call the Convention and Visitors Bureau at **(626) 795-9311** or visit www.pasadenacal.com.

RICHMOND (A)(C)(H)(S)

The **Richmond** Amtrak station is an unstaffed multimodal train station and it was enlarged and remodeled during the summer of 2001. In addition to serving trains, it is the Richmond **BART** station and a stop for **AC Transit** bus service. Call AC Transit for schedules, fares and for group travel information on their system at **(510) 817-1717**. The BART station is steps away from the Amtrak station. Call BART for schedule information and fares at **(510) 465-2278**.

The **Richmond Museum (C)(H)** welcomes you to view a glimpse of the cities progress and triumphs with special programs, changing exhibits and a permanent history gallery. Collections include the first Model A Ford built in Richmond, memorable objects from the nearby Kaiser shipyards, "horse and buggy" era vehicles, photographs and domestic artifacts – all help tell Richmond's fascinating story. The museum is an easy fifteen-minute walk from the station. Exit the parking right onto McDonald Avenue, then right onto 4th Street one block to the museum at 400 Nevin Avenue. Admission is free, but reservations are required for group tours. Call **(510) 235-7387**.

The **Oakland Museum of California (A)(H)(S)** is a regional museum featuring the ecology, history and art of California. There is a group admission fee and advance reservations are required. Call the

museum for more information at **(510) 238-3514** or visit www.museumca.org. Take the Fremont **BART** train to the **Lake Merritt** station. The museum is only 1½ blocks away from the BART station.

The **Museum of Children's Art (M.O.C.H.A.) (A)** is a unique art museum featuring interactive art exhibits. There is a group admission fee for the hands-on workshop, but admission to the gallery is free. Reservations are required. Call the museum for more information at **(510) 465-8770**, or see their website at www.mocha.org. Take the Fremont or San Francisco **BART** train to the **12th Street/Civic Center** station. The museum is located at 538 9th Street in Oakland, only a few blocks away from the BART station.

For more information about attractions and special events, you may contact the **Chamber of Commerce** at (510) 234-3512 or visit www.rcoc.com.

ROSAMOND

The **Rosamond** Amtrak Thruway bus stop is unstaffed, located at the B&K Market at 2515 Center Street at Sierra Highway. There are no ticket sales; the nearest station offering these services is in Bakersfield. Staff at the market should not be expected to provide details of Amtrak train or Thruway bus schedules.

Please note that Amtrak Thruway bus service cannot be used solely for transportation to another Thruway stop – your trip must include travel aboard an Amtrak train (40-passenger group minimum).

For more information about attractions and special events, please call the Antelope Valley Chambers of Commerce at (661) 256-3248 or visit www.avchambers.com.

SACRAMENTO (A)(AG)(C)(E)(G)(H)(S)(T)

The **Sacramento** Amtrak Station is fully staffed and is located in the former Southern Pacific Railroad Terminal Building at 4th and I Streets in downtown Sacramento. It is only a short walk to **Old Sacramento**. Sacramento is served by an extensive public transportation system. **Regional Transit (RT)** provides bus and light rail service in the city and to surrounding areas. Call them for schedules, fares and for group travel information on their system at (916) 321-2877.

Old Sacramento is home to a number of museums and attractions. Among them are:

- The **California State Railroad Museum (AG)(A)(C)(H)(S)(T)**, featuring one of the nation's finest interpretive exhibits of railroad history, with locomotives and railroad cars, displays and hands-on activities. Guided tours are available and there is an admission fee. Call the museum for more information at (916) 322-8485 or visit www.californiastaterailroadmuseum.org.
- Adjacent to the railroad museum is the **Discovery Museum (AG)(C)(H)(S)(T)**, located in a replica of the 1854 Sacramento City Hall and Waterworks. Artifacts, information technology, hands-on exhibits and demonstrations all come together to help in exploring and discovering the past, present and future. Walk through the ages to discover the everyday life of people in the Sacramento region, from historic Indian times, through the lavish Victorian period, to the aviation and space industries of today. There is an admission fee. Guided tours are available and advanced reservations are required. Call (916) 575-3941.
- At the other end of Old Sacramento is the **California Military Museum (C)(H)**, located at 1119 Second Street. It is home to more than 30,000 artifacts that include weapons, uniforms, unit records, battle flags, medals and other items of historical interest. The museum's displays cover all California periods, beginning with Spanish California, the Bear Flag Republic and early statehood, and through all the major military events of California to the current day. Guided tours are available. There is a discounted group admission fee and advanced reservations are required. For more information call (916) 442-2883.

Another popular attraction in Sacramento is the **California Trilogy** package. With advance reservations, the trilogy begins with a viewing of the film "Wild California" at the **Esquire Imax Theatre (A)(C)(E)(H)(S)(T)** at 1211 K Street. The film reveals some of the most dramatic views of California's wilderness and introduces the audience to spirited people who value and brave its rugged beauty and natural wonders. A teacher's guide is provided. Next, the group walks a few blocks to the **California Museum for History, Women and the Arts (formerly the Golden State Museum) (A)(AG)(C)(G)(H)** at 1020 O Street for a self-guided interactive tour. The various galleries in the museum feature the people, places, politics and promises that capture the essence of California in multimedia presentations. Finally, it's a short two-block walk to the **State Capitol (A)(H)(G)** for a self-guided tour. Some Amtrak *San Joaquin* motorcoaches drop off passengers at the State Capitol upon request (be sure to note this in your reservation request), and the theatre is about a five-minute walk away. When you're finished, the Amtrak station and Old Sacramento are only about a fifteen-minute walk. Advanced reservations are required for the trilogy package and there is a discounted admission fee for the theatre and museum. Call the Esquire IMAX Theatre for reservations and other information at (916) 446-2333, ext. 200.

The **Esquire IMAX Theatre** was established as an educational film company and now hosts more than 60,000 school kids every year at the Sacramento location. **Teacher guides accompany every group so the experience can be taken back to the classroom. Films in the IMAX Library cover nearly every subject from Oceans and Space to Humans and Machines.** The IMAX Theatre is proud to be a part of Downtown Sacramento. The Esquire Theatre, originally built in 1940 and closed for ten years, was eventually renovated and became the perfect venue to house the most advanced film projection system in

the world. The Esquire IMAX Theatre is also an excellent choice to host private parties, fundraisers and special functions. The auditorium Audio/Visual capabilities are perfect for presentations and entertainment. Nothing makes a more lasting impression than a visual on the six-story screen. Call the theatre for more information about all the programs they offer at **(916) 446-2333**.

If you prefer to only visit the **California Museum for History, Women and the Arts** (formerly the Golden State Museum), consider all they offer in their education programs. Call the museum for more information about programs and exhibits at **(916) 653-3476** or visit their website at www.castatehistory.org.

For guided tour information at the **State Capitol**, call **(916) 324-0333**.

For more information about other attractions and special events in the city, contact the **Visitor Information Center** at **(916) 442-7644** or visit www.sacramentocvb.org.

SAN FRANCISCO(A)(E)

San Francisco is served by an extensive public transportation system. **BART** provides subway-type service and **Muni** provides bus, streetcar and cable car service. Call BART at **(415) 989-2278** and Muni at **(415) 673-6864** for schedules, fares and for group travel information on their systems.

Pier 39 (E) is one of San Francisco's major waterfront tourist attractions and is a stop for Amtrak motorcoaches connecting San Francisco to trains operating into and from Emeryville. With **Fisherman's Wharf** just to the west and the **Ferry Building** an easy walk east, Pier 39 is convenient for exploring San Francisco's waterfront heritage.

Now Pier 39 can be more fun for less money! Everyone in your group can receive a **Pier 39 Fun Pack** valued at **\$400** in coupons redeemable at more than 110 gift shops, restaurants and attractions at Pier 39. Upon arrival at Pier 39, take your group ticket to the California Welcome Center on the second floor to get your Fun Packs. In addition, the **Blue and Gold Fleet** offer discounted one-hour Bay Cruises. For more information, call **(415) 705-8214** or visit www.transitinfo.org/bluegoldfleet.

The **Museum of Modern Art (MOMA) (A)** features modern artworks from international artists, both past and present, with occasional special exhibits. It is located at the Moscone Center Complex. There is a group admission fee and advance reservations are required. For more information, call **(415) 357-4000** or visit www.sfmoma.org.

Also located near the Moscone Center motorcoach stop is the **Zeum (S)(T)**, an art and technology center offering hands-on arts exploration of animation, video production and Internet broadcasting. There is an admission fee and group reservations are recommended. Call Zeum at **(415) 777-2800** or visit their website at www.zeum.org.

The Amtrak motorcoaches can also provide direct service from Emeryville to other major San Francisco attractions such as the **Zoo**, **De Young Museum** and **Golden Gate Park** for a slight additional fare. Special service to the **Exploratorium** is also available for a slight additional fare. Call the Exploratorium at **(415) 563-7337** or see their website at www.exploratorium.edu. Ask the Amtrak Group Desk operator for details about fares and schedules. ***The California Academy of Sciences which features the Natural History Museum, the Steinhart Aquarium and the Morrison Planetarium is closed for repairs until early 2009. Call the Academy of Sciences at (415) 750-7145 or see their website at www.calacademy.org for more information.***

For more information about other attractions and special events in San Francisco, call the **Convention and Visitors Bureau** at **(415) 974-6900** or visit their website at www.sfvisitor.org.

SAN PEDRO (H)(S)

There are two **San Pedro** Amtrak Thruway bus stops. Both are unstaffed, and there are no ticket sales at either. The nearest station offering these services is in Los Angeles.

One stop is located at the Catalina Terminal / World Cruise Center, Berth 95, beneath the majestic Vincent Thomas Bridge. Catalina Terminal staff should not be expected to provide details of Amtrak train or Thruway bus schedules.

The other stop is at the public library, located at 931 South Gaffey Street (at 9th Street). Library staff should not be expected to provide details of Amtrak train or Thruway bus schedules.

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Adjacent to the World Cruise Center at Berth 94 is the **S.S. Lane Victory (H)**, a fully operational World War II cargo ship. It has been restored and is operated by an all-volunteer crew of WW II Merchant Marine veterans. Open daily at the dock, visitors can tour the bridge, engine room and cargo holds. Group rates and guided tours are available. Call **(310) 519-9545** for more information.

Only a ten-minute walk from the World Cruise Center is the **Los Angeles Maritime Museum (S),(H)**, located at the foot of 6th Street, Berth 84. This 75,000 square foot facility features more than 700 ship and boat models and a variety of navigational equipment. Exhibits include Native American artifacts relating to the sea, an 18-foot scale model of the Titanic, whaling industry, tall ships, the Navy, and Merchant Marine. Several hands-on exhibits and classes are available. Tours are available by appointment. Call **(310) 548-7618**.

For more information about attractions and special events, you can visit the city's website at www.sanpedro.com or call **(310) 831-6245**.

SANTA BARBARA

The **Santa Barbara** Amtrak station is located at 209 State Street. It is a fully staffed station with a nearby stop for the city public transit (**MTD**). Call MTD (Metropolitan Transit District) for information about group rates and transportation arrangements at **(805) 963-3364** or visit www.sbmtd.gov.

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For information about attractions and special events in the city, call the Convention and Visitors Bureau at **(800) 676-1266** or visit their website at www.santabarbaraca.com.

SANTA CLARITA / NEWHALL

The **Santa Clarita** Amtrak Thruway bus stop is unstaffed, located at the Newhall Metrolink train station at 23400 Railroad Avenue. There are no ticket sales; the nearest station offering these services is in Los Angeles.

Please note that Amtrak Thruway bus service cannot be used solely for transportation to another Thruway stop – your trip must include travel aboard an Amtrak train (40-passenger group minimum).

For information about attractions and special events, visit www.santa-clarita.com or call **(661) 259-2489**.

SANTA PAULA

The **Santa Paula** Amtrak Thruway bus stop is unstaffed, located in the south parking lot of Carrow's Restaurant at Palm Avenue and California Highway 126. There are no ticket sales; the nearest station offering these services is in Oxnard. Restaurant staff should not be expected to provide details of Amtrak train or Thruway bus schedules.

Please note that Amtrak Thruway bus service cannot be used solely for transportation to another Thruway stop – your trip must include travel aboard an Amtrak train (40-passenger group minimum).

For more information about attractions and special events, visit www.santapaulachamber.com or call the Chamber of Commerce at **(805) 525-5561**.

SIMI VALLEY

The **Simi Valley** Amtrak station is shared with Metrolink and is located at 5000 Los Angeles Avenue, just west of Stearns Avenue. The station is unstaffed and there are no ticket sales. The nearest station offering these services is in Van Nuys.

Please note that Amtrak Thruway bus service cannot be used solely for transportation to another Thruway stop – your trip must include travel aboard an Amtrak train (40-passenger group minimum).

For more information about attractions and special events, visit www.simivalleychamber.org or call the Chamber of Commerce at **(805) 526-3900**.

STOCKTON

Amtrak's **Stockton** station is located in Central Stockton, just south of the Crosstown Freeway (Rte 4) on San Joaquin Street. The station is fully staffed for train and Amtrak motorcoach connections to Lodi and Sacramento.

Amtrak California *San Joaquin* trains stop at the central Stockton station eight times daily (four round trips) on their journeys between the Bakersfield and the Bay Area. The stops are at Wasco, Corcoran, Hanford, Fresno, Madera, Merced, Turlock/Denair, Modesto, Stockton, Antioch, Martinez, Richmond and Emeryville.

Two additional daily round trips (Trains 701, 702, 703 and 704) stop in Stockton at the Altamont Commute Express (ACE) station located at N. Aurora and E. Weber Streets. No Amtrak personnel are at the ACE station and no tickets are sold there. These trains operate between Bakersfield and Sacramento, also stopping at Wasco, Corcoran, Hanford, Fresno, Madera, Merced, Turlock/Denair, Modesto and Lodi. They do not stop at the central Stockton Amtrak station.

Stockton and the surrounding areas are served by **San Joaquin Regional Transit (SJRTD)**. Call them for schedules, fares and for group travel information on their system at **(209) 943-1111** or visit their website at www.transitinfo.org/SMART.

For information about attractions and special events, contact the **City of Stockton** at **(209) 937-5089** or visit their website at www.visitsstockton.org.

TEHACHAPI

The **Tehachapi** Amtrak Thruway bus stop is unstaffed, located at the Burger King at the corner of Tehachapi Boulevard and Mulberry Street. There are no ticket sales; the nearest station offering these services is in Bakersfield. Restaurant staff should not be expected to provide details of Amtrak train or Thruway bus schedules.

Please note that Amtrak Thruway bus service cannot be used solely for transportation to another Thruway stop – your trip must include travel aboard an Amtrak train (40-passenger group minimum).

For more information about attractions and special events, please call the Greater Tehachapi Chamber of Commerce at **(661) 822-4180** or visit www.tehachapi.com.

TURLOCK/DENAIR

The Amtrak station at **Denair**, located at Santa Fe Avenue and Elm Street, serves the Turlock/Denair area, including the California State University, Stanislaus campus. The Denair station is a small unstaffed station and no services are available. **Bus Line Service of Turlock (BLST)** provides public transportation from the station (with advance reservations) to most locations within the Turlock area. Call them for schedules, fares and group arrangements at **(209) 668-5600**.

For information about attractions and special events in the city, contact the **Convention and Visitor Bureau** at **(209) 632-2221** or visit their website at www.visitturlock.org.

VAN NUYS

The **Van Nuys** Amtrak station is located at 7724 Van Nuys Boulevard. The station is staffed and tickets may be purchased there. Please note that Amtrak Thruway bus service cannot be used solely for transportation to another Thruway stop – your trip must include travel aboard an Amtrak train (40-passenger group minimum).

VENTURA (A)(C)(H)

The **Ventura** Amtrak stop, located at Harbor and Figueroa streets adjacent to the Ventura County Fairgrounds, is an unstaffed station. There are no ticket sales -- the nearest station offering these services is in Oxnard.

Please note that Amtrak Thruway bus service cannot be used solely for transportation to another Thruway stop – your trip must include travel aboard an Amtrak train (40-passenger group minimum).

There are several educational venues within a block or two of each other, and they are all located about 4 blocks from the station. Three of them are:

The **Ventura County Museum of History and Art (A)(H)**, at 100 E. Main Street, offers a variety of exhibits and docent-lead programs throughout the year. There is an admission fee and you must call for

a tour registration form. Call **(805) 653-0323, extension 14**, or visit their website at www.venturamuseum.org and click on "Education."

Across the street at 113 E. Main is the **Albinger Archeological Museum (H)**. The museum features historical artifacts recovered from the museum site – some more than 2,000 years old and some more recent – all representative of area history. Admission is free, but group reservations are required in advance. Call **(805) 653-0323 ext. 14** (Arranged through Ventura County Museum of History and Art).

A short distance away on the same side of Main Street is the **Mission San Buenaventura (C(H))**. This is the last mission built by Father Junipero Serra and is representative of the California adobe missions. An admission donation is requested and group reservations are required. Call **(805) 643-4318**.

The area is served by **South Coast Area Transit (SCAT)**, which may provide field trip transportation from the station. Call them at **(805) 643-3158** for more information.

For information about other attractions and special events in the city, call the Visitor and Convention Bureau at **(805) 684-5479** or visit their website at www.ventura-usa.com.

VICTORVILLE

The **Victorville** Amtrak Thruway bus stop is unstaffed, located at the Transportation Center (across the street from the Amtrak station) at 16838 D Street. There are no ticket sales; the nearest station offering these services is in Bakersfield. Restaurant staff should not be expected to provide details of Amtrak train or Thruway bus schedules.

Please note that Amtrak Thruway bus service cannot be used solely for transportation to another Thruway stop – your trip must include travel aboard an Amtrak train (40-passenger group minimum).

For more information about attractions and special events, please call the Chamber of Commerce at **(760) 245-6506** or visit www.vvchamber.com.

WASCO

The **Wasco** stop is unstaffed and is located at 700 G Street. There are no ticket sales; the nearest station offering these services is in Bakersfield.

Dial-A-Ride provides public transportation from the station to locations within the city. Advance arrangements are required for group transportation – Call them at **(661) 758-7222**.

For more information about attractions and special events in the city, contact the **Chamber of Commerce** at **(661) 758-2746** or visit their website at www.ci.wasco.ca.us.